

REMARKS

Applicant thanks Examiner Vu for his careful attention to this application.

Examiner Vu objected to a previously presented amendment to the specification as well as an amendment to the claims. Applicant hereby withdraws the previously presented amendment to the specification and claims. The original claims of the application have been cancelled. New claims are submitted herewith.

Claim 21 as amended requires a selection means for energizing a first circuit which could contain a first output transducer, a sensor for scanning the circuit to determine whether the first output transducer is present, and limiting means for limiting the operation of the control to only those output transducers present within a device. This was not shown in the Bhatnagar patent.

Similarly, independent claim 31 includes a selection means to attempt to energize the circuits that could contain display output transducers; a sensing means for scanning the circuits to identify which of the display output transducers are present in the model; and a limiting means for limiting the operation of the control to the display output transducers identified by the sensing means. None of these are shown in the Bhatnagar patent.

Claim 37 is a method claim. The method includes among other thing that the presence or absence of a first transducer is detected by scanning the first circuit and that the control is enable it operate in a first operating mode if the first transducer is present in the circuit. This is also not shown in the Bhatnagar reference.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Applicant withdraws the prior proposed amendment. The Examiner did not enter the previously submitted amendment to the specification.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and these remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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